

WILSON LEAGUERS SHOCKED BY TAFT

Former President's Stand for Revision of Covenant Causes Dismay.

INDORSES CRITICS' VIEW

His Attitude Now Regarded as Similar to That of Lodge and Knox.

Special Dispatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, March 7.—Dismay was thrown into the ranks of President Wilson's supporters here to-day when they read the latest signed statement by William H. Taft concerning the constitution of the League of Nations. They found to their amazement that Mr. Taft, counted on as the Republican champion of Mr. Wilson's cherished project had abandoned its Wilsonian features to their fate and had gone squarely on record as endorsing the stand of Senators Lodge, Knox and other leading critics of the covenant.

It was quickly pointed out at the Capitol that Senator Lodge, for example, had never objected to the general idea of a League of Nations should this be practicable, but that he had particularly objected to the very "Wilsonian features" which Mr. Taft now calmly says must be eliminated.

Mr. Taft's branding of these features as necessarily slated for the discard caused much amusement except among the President's faithful following. It is not thought that Mr. Taft intentionally sought to embarrass the President at this time but that in making a detailed analysis he could not in justice to himself avoid endorsement of basic features of the Lodge and Knox view.

Wilson Stand Opposed.
Mr. Taft in his statement begins by asserting that the present covenant must of course be altered. This itself is in direct contradiction to President Wilson's stand. The President before leaving Paris with the completed covenant in his pocket informed the various members of the league committee that nothing whatever should be changed, as there was good reason for every word and every phrase precisely as it stood in the instrument.

Mr. Taft after admitting need of change says: "Undoubtedly the covenant needs revision. It is not symmetrically arranged, its meaning has to be dug out and the language is ponderous and in diplomatic patois."

It is pointed out at the Capitol that this is the essence of much of the criticism of the league plan, the chief difference being that leaders of the opposition do not believe the covenant can be revised satisfactorily while peace with the enemy is being awaited to end chaos and uncertainty in Europe, whereas Mr. Taft is more optimistic. President Wilson, however, has never hinted that a single word needs revision, and in fact has deeply resented the mere suggestion of any change.

Later Mr. Taft says the covenant should be made more definite to when its obligations should be terminated. It should be made more definite by a larger reservation of the Monroe Doctrine. There are other ambiguous phrases, &c.

Crux of Situation.
The crux of the situation, according to many of the league's opponents, is that there can be no suitable adjustment between America's sovereign rights, the Monroe Doctrine policy and other features of the nation's requirements on the one hand and any such covenant as Mr. Wilson has brought back from Europe on the other. Until a league plan meeting the objections advanced by men like Senators Lodge and Knox can be formed the United States should stay out of it, they contend. Mr. Taft virtually admits this, it is clearly shown.

Senator Lodge and Senator Knox and others have all along contended that the right kind of a League of Nations, if such can be had, would be detrimental to this country and to the world at large. But they have warned that to produce such a plan required perhaps years of effort and delay. Therefore they have advocated peace with the enemy first and the framing of a league later. One of the basic terms of the armistice which ended the fighting last November was that there should be formed a League of Nations. The Allies all accepted this without reservation. Mr. Lodge and Mr. Knox in practically every one in Congress endorsed the idea, though they doubted whether it could be consummated in the next decade.

The astonishing feature which President Wilson injected into the situation, it is explained, was the insistence upon the formation of a league prior to peace with the enemy, after which he left for Europe, intimating to all the world that this cherished plan, although a most difficult human problem, was already solved.

Belief in Europe.
It is recalled now how all Europe believed the President had solved the problem, though he gave no intimation as to how he had done it. Later came the secret conferences in Paris and finally the deliberations of the committee which was to produce the magic cure all.

When asked for an opinion on the prospects of the league Senator Lodge, although, except for declines to comment because of the possibility of the formation of a league which did not surrender sovereignty, which did not sacrifice American rights and otherwise entangle the nation in the meshes that the general idea seemed to imply. But the President's friends said "wait and see."

The covenant when it finally blossomed forth was not superhuman, but human, leaders of the opposition say, and had all the hackneyed features of similar plans discussed academically for years with a few new entanglements making it worse.

Mr. Taft's admission that the covenant must be made over, however, the creation of a League of Nations just about where it was when President Wilson announced his intention of going abroad in the interest of his plan for world peace. Months of valuable time in the most critical period of the world's history have therefore been virtually wasted and the world has had to pay the penalty while peace with the enemy has been made more difficult. This is the view of the leaders of the opposition. They say peace first and then devote the next fifty years if necessary to the problem which President Wilson promised to solve magically with a stroke of the pen.

MIDDLE WEST NOW COOLER TO LEAGUE

Senator New Says His Letters Are Seven to Three Against Plan.

WATSON'S MAIL SIMILAR

Kenyon Asserts Clergy and Professors Support It, but Farmers Oppose.

Special Dispatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, March 7.—The sentiment of the whole Middle West, as reflected in press and public comment, is veering away from the earlier indorsement of the League of Nations constitution brought from Paris by President Wilson toward a position of opposition.

From Ohio westward to Nebraska and Colorado the measure of the adverse sentiment varies greatly. There is no regularity to the ratios between the collated opinion of contiguous States. For that reason the attitude of this important section of the United States, the debatable area in all political campaigns, requires the direct application of scrutiny to the correspondence of the legislators.

Senator New's Experience.
Senator New (Ind.) is one of the signers of the protest against linking the League of Nations pact with the problem of making peace with Germany, but he has not yet spoken on the subject of the League of Nations in the Senate and therefore his correspondence may be taken as a fair reflection of Hoosier sentiment. Senator New said to-day to THE SUN:

"I have carefully analyzed the letters I am receiving on the subject of the League of Nations. They show a ratio of seven critics and opponents of the Wilson league plan to three favoring its acceptance by the United States. In using my own correspondence as the basis for such a survey I have taken into consideration the press influences working in Indiana. The Indianapolis newspapers are the News, which has been neutral on the subject, giving fairly both sides of the contention in the news despatches and reserving opinion editorially; the Times, which is earnestly supporting Mr. Wilson's plan, and the Star, which also enthusiastically favors the league programme."

"There is no local newspaper opposing the President. Northern Indiana, of course feels the impress of the influence of the Chicago Daily Tribune, which is bitterly opposing the President, and this must be given some measure of consideration in weighing the balance. But at the same time I am quite sure that I have been fair and that the gauge of Senatorial correspondence is a fair one in this matter."

Watson Finds Opposition.
Senator Watson (Ind.) says his correspondence shows an overwhelming predominance of opposition to the President's plan, although there have been one or two letters favoring it. Senator Lenroot (Wis.) told the correspondents to-day that his own mail brings in a mass of opposition and criticism of the Wilson plan and virtually no indorsement of the programme.

Senator Kenyon (Iowa) one of the Republican Senators who did not sign the round robin of the night of March 3, said his own correspondence disclosed that two classes of people were supporting the President's league programme. These were the clergy and the college professors generally. He said his correspondence from farmers, bankers, lawyers and physicians was predominantly adverse.

Senator Cummins, who roundly denounced the league plan in the Senate last week, of course finds a wholly different situation in regard to his mail. It is practically unanimously adverse to the Wilson plan, but in his case as in that of Senator Lenroot and of the other Republican and Democratic leaders who have spoken on the subject it has to be discounted by the number of endorsements and complimentary missives from friends and political henchmen.

But out of the whole Senatorial correspondence through the application of common school arithmetic there is developing a sentiment throughout the United States, and it is a sentiment naturally and unreservedly expressed for the reason that thus far the propagandists with their return postal cards and follow up letters have not yet got down to work.

WILL WELCOME WARRIORS.
Printers School to Give Reception and Dance March 14.

The New York School for Printers Apprentices will welcome home its returned men from the front at a reception and dance to be given Friday evening, March 14, in the Palm Garden, Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue. The school, which is associated with the Hudson Guild Neighborhood House, 436 West Twenty-seventh street, has 176 stars on its service flag. Five men were killed in action and a great number of others wounded. The majority of those who went have come back and will be the guests of honor at the reception.

The largest school for printers' apprentices in the country is the one at Hudson Guild, which is jointly supported by Typographical Union No. 6 ("The Six"), the employing publishers and the guild. It was established in 1911, and now has an enrolment of 360 boys.

STOCK ISSUE APPEAL ARGUED.
City Contends Justice Cropsey's Injunction Is Unwarranted.

The Appellate Division in Brooklyn heard yesterday the appeal of the city from the order of Justice Cropsey granting an injunction in favor of the Citizens Union, which restrains the city from issuing \$4,500,000 of corporate stock.

Terence Parley, representing the city, argued that the decision should be reversed because Justice Cropsey's decision was based on a misapprehension of the position of the rapid transit act. That act, he said, permits the bond issue. Leonard M. Wallstein, formerly Commissioner of Accounts, as attorney for the Citizens Union, contended that Justice Cropsey's decision was sound law and should stand. The city, he said, cannot issue corporate stock to pay current expenses.

400 JEWISH FAMILIES KILLED.
Vienna Paper Reports Massacres in Galicia and Ukraine.

STOCKHOLM, March 7.—The Jewish Press Bureau here says the Jewish Morgenpost of Vienna reports that Jews are being killed in large numbers in eastern Galicia and the Ukraine. The reports say that 400 families have been killed at Proskuroff, in the Ukraine east of Lemberg.

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